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L A T E C A B L E S . . .

Argentina 1936-37 corn crop officially estimated at 371,633,000 bushels from 11,935,000 acres harvested as against 397,615,000 bushels harvested in 1935-36 from 12,689,000 acres. (Agricultural Attaché P. O. Nyhus, Buenos Aires.)

Australia 1936-37 wheat crop revised to 137,397,000 bushels as compared with 142,597,000 bushels produced in 1935-36. (International Institute of Agriculture, Rome.)

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GRAINS

Germany increases rye extraction percentage

The German minimum extraction percentage for rye flour was raised again on March 27, 1937, by an ordinance of the Central Union of the German Grain Trade and now amounts to 80 percent. As reported by the Berlin office of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, this type of rye flour has been produced for some time but was used only for military food supplies. It is now the basic rye flour for general human consumption, with an ash content usually of 1.15 percent and not less than 1.04 percent. Although it is believed by the authorities that rye flour of this high extraction percentage will make satisfactory rye bread, the taste of the consumer favors flour of a lower extraction rate. The consumption of rye bread therefore is expected to be decreased and less rye will be utilized to meet human requirements. This flour is sold to bakers at the same price as that of the better flour previously used as the basic type, but there is no change in the price of bread. Since the consumer pays just as much for bread of poorer quality, however, it has the effect of raising the price of bread.

This measure, together with the obligatory admixture of corn meal to wheat flour used for baking purposes (see "Foreign Crops and Markets", April 5, 1937), is part of the indirect method employed by the German Government to reduce the human consumption of bread grains. Thus, the grain authorities hope that Germany may more nearly approach self-sufficiency in grain production.

FRUITS, VEGETABLES, AND NUTS

France facilitates imports of American apples and pears

The import license taxes on apples and pears, amounting to about 37 cents per bushel on apples and 55 cents per bushel on pears, were removed by the French Government for the second quarter of 1937, April to June, in order to facilitate the utilization of the import quota on United States apples and pears, according to a cable from the American Embassy at Paris. The decision regarding license taxes for succeeding periods has not been announced. In addition to removing the tax for the period stated, the French Government has taken steps to restrict the issuance of import licenses to bona fide fruit importers starting October 1, 1937. If this action reduces, or stops, the speculation in licenses it will aid imports of apples and pears from the United States by enabling French consumers to obtain imported fruit at a lower price.

Licenses for the period April 1 to June 30, 1937, will be issued for lots of not less than 10 metric tons each, which, in the opinion of the French Ministry of Agriculture, will reduce the number of licenses to approximately 300.

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LIVESTOCK, MEATS, AND WOOLSydney wool sales open strong

The opening on April 5 of the current Sydney, Australia, wool sales was marked by keen general competition, according to a cable from Agricultural Attaché C. C. Taylor at London. Yorkshire and Japan were the chief buyers, with good support coming from America and continental Europe. Compared with the close on March 18 of the preceding sales, prices were 5 percent higher for most types of wool, with others remaining firm.

The Sydney sales reflect the strong general demand for wool developed in all consuming countries late in March. According to Consul E. E. Evans at Bradford, the new buying development has definitely checked the tendency toward lower values noted earlier. The expectation is that wool prices will move toward the season's high levels reached in January. Importing countries are under the necessity of providing for their requirements in the later months of the year. All primary markets have shown the effects of the renewed buying interest.

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UNITED STATES AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS DURING FEBRUARY

Aided by heavier exports of cotton, the volume index of farm products exported from the United States during the month of February 1937 rose to 62. This was the highest monthly index since October and considerably above that for February 1935 and 1936.

The index for cotton was 73, the highest February index since 1934 and above that of the 3 preceding months. Leaf tobacco had an index of 85. This compared with 125 in February a year ago and was the lowest monthly index since July 1936. Fruits, with an index of 274, reversed the downward movement of the 3 preceding months and was also considerably above the index for February 1935 and 1936.

Exports of wheat and flour with an index of 23 continued on their slow upward trend, reaching the highest index in more than 2 years. After showing some improvement in the early part of the year, exports of lard again fell off to an index of 10.

Accumulations - July-February

In the 8 months ended February 28, 1937, the value of farm products exported from the United States amounted to \$537,550,000. In the same period of 1935-36, exports of farm products were valued at \$586,634,000. This amounted to a decrease of 8 percent. The volume index dropped from 63 in July 1935-February 1936 to 56 so far this season, a decline of 11 percent.

Cotton accounted for 51 percent of the total agricultural exports in the 8 months, July-February 1936-37. Less cotton was exported than during the July-February period of 1935-36, the total amounting to 4,270,000 bales as against 4,931,000 bales last season. The Netherlands, France, and Canada were the only countries which purchased more than last year. Heavy decreases were registered in exports to Germany, Spain, the United Kingdom, Japan, and Poland.

Exports of wheat and flour showed a moderate improvement. Total exports of flour amounted to 2,599,000 barrels in comparison with the exports of 2,119,000 barrels last season. Of this, 798,000 barrels were milled wholly from United States wheat and 1,801,000 barrels, or more than one-half, from imported grain. Exports of leaf tobacco dropped off sharply when compared with the last 6 months. Shipments fell lower than in any February in the last 2 decades. A heavy reduction of flue-cured leaf to the United Kingdom was recorded for January and February.

Though February exports of fruit showed a marked improvement, exports for the July-February period continued considerably under those of a year ago. Fresh pears were the only kind of fruit showing a gain in both volume and value over the corresponding 8 months of 1935-36. The month of February recorded a sharp reduction in exports of lard but for the July-February period of 1936-37 exports of both lard and neutral lard exceeded those for the 8 months last season.

In addition to the products mentioned above, the following commodities showed a gain in both volume and value when compared with the same months of 1935-36: Cheese, pickled beef and pork, canned meats, pecans, walnuts, corn, malt, dried peas, onions, drugs, roots, and herbs.

UNITED STATES: Index numbers of the volume of agricultural exports, adjusted for seasonal variation, February 1937, with comparisons July 1909 - June 1914 = 100

Commodity or commodity group	1935	1936		1937	
	Feb.	Feb.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
All commodities.....	54	55	52	57	62
All commodities, except cotton...	43	40	35	39	42
Cotton fiber, incl. linters.....	59	62	58	66	73
Tobacco, unmanufactured <u>a</u> /.....	87	125	109	115	85
Fruits.....	217	222	90	146	274
Wheat, incl. flour.....	20	18	19	21	23
Grains and grain products.....	18	17	17	19	23
Cured pork <u>b</u> /.....	14	8	10	7	9
Lard, excl. neutral.....	35	17	20	18	10

Compiled from official records of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce. For detailed figures on exports, see opposite page. a/ Includes stems, trimmings, etc. b/ Includes bacon, hams, shoulders, and sides.

UNITED STATES: Exports of principal agricultural products,
July-February, 1935-36 and 1936-37

Commodity exported	Unit	July-February				
		Quantity		Value		
		1935-36	1936-37	1935-36	1936-37	
				1,000	1,000	
		Thousands	Thousands	dollars	dollars	
ANIMALS AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS:						
<u>Animals, live:</u>						
Cattle.....	No.	2	3	219	200	
Hogs	No.	a/	a/	5	7	
Horses	No.	4	3	615	484	
Mules, asses, and burros.....	No.	2	1	456	161	
<u>Dairy products:</u>						
Butter	Lb.	748	572	187	193	
Cheese	Lb.	718	729	161	178	
Milk-						
Fresh and sterilized.....	Gal.	57	44	34	36	
Condensed.....	Lb.	2,283	1,195	278	140	
Dried.....	Lb.	2,043	2,349	440	512	
Evaporated.....	Lb.	17,412	14,880	1,168	1,120	
Infants' foods, malted, etc.	Lb.	1,333	1,820	414	546	
Eggs in the shell.....	Doz.	1,222	1,101	373	340	
<u>Meats and meat products:</u>						
Beef and veal-						
Fresh or frozen.....	Lb.	3,183	2,528	559	414	
Pickled or cured.....	Lb.	3,304	5,802	339	473	
Canned beef, incl. corned....	Lb.	1,094	1,712	350	517	
Total beef and veal.....	Lb.	7,581	10,042	1,248	1,404	
Pork-						
Carcasses, fresh	Lb.	84	126	13	17	
Loins and other fresh.....	Lb.	2,438	2,386	430	408	
Total fresh pork	Lb.	2,522	2,512	443	425	
Bacon	Lb.	2,539	2,805	502	495	
Hams and shoulders	Lb.	30,428	24,903	6,284	5,326	
Sides, Cumber. & Wiltshire.	Lb.	357	286	66	44	
Pickled or salted	Lb.	3,885	6,747	534	770	
Canned	Lb.	5,114	5,693	1,818	1,937	
Total pork	Lb.	44,845	42,946	9,647	8,997	
Mutton and lamb	Lb.	375	336	69	59	
Poultry and game, fresh	Lb.	1,077	909	257	204	
Sausage-						
Canned	Lb.	661	923	177	249	
Other sausage.....	Lb.	826	791	196	167	
Other meats-						
Fresh, frozen, or cured.....	Lb.	11,127	13,697	1,519	1,790	
Canned, incl. canned poultry	Lb.	663	1,566	173	260	
Total meats	Lb.	67,155	71,210	13,286	13,130	
Meat extracts and bouillon cubes		Lb.	84	49	120	89
Sausage casings	Lb.	17,950	17,426	3,872	3,528	

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UNITED STATES: Exports of principal agricultural products,
July-February, 1935-36 and 1936-37, cont'd

Commodity exported	Unit	July-February			
		Quantity		Value	
		1935-36	1936-37	1935-36	1936-37
ANIMALS AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS; CONTD				1,000	1,000
<u>Oils and fats, animal:</u>		<u>Thousands</u>	<u>Thousands</u>	<u>dollars</u>	<u>dollars</u>
Lard	Lb.	45,983	64,043	6,139	7,924
Lard, neutral	Lb.	378	552	57	74
Oleo oil	Lb.	6,144	5,202	767	529
Oleo stock	Lb.	2,145	2,434	250	241
Stearins and fatty acids	Lb.	1,756	1,668	148	137
Tallow	Lb.	912	984	89	68
Other animal oils and fats.....	Lb.	10,090	5,186	843	408
Total oils and fats.....	Lb.	67,408	80,069	8,293	9,381
VEGETABLE PRODUCTS:					
<u>Cotton, unmd. (Bales of 500 lb.)</u>					
Raw, except linters.....	Bale	4,931	4,270	302,395	273,267
Linters	Bale	216	214	5,223	5,206
<u>Fruits:</u>					
Apples-					
Fresh.....	Bskt.	908	814	1,865	350
Fresh	Box	5,226	4,387	7,521	6,734
Fresh.....	Bbl.	1,284	415	5,425	1,732
Dried	Lb.	28,424	18,258	2,372	1,703
Apricots, dried	Lb.	24,229	25,604	3,369	3,214
Grapefruit	Box	511	434	1,140	949
Oranges	Box	3,184	1,974	7,885	5,870
Pears, fresh	Lb.	121,188	128,923	4,677	4,766
Prunes, dried	Lb.	170,807	121,226	7,640	6,433
Raisins	Lb.	91,924	86,325	4,332	4,649
Fruit, canned	Lb.	275,792	202,000	20,097	15,014
<u>Nuts:</u>					
Pecans	Lb.	486	1,367	133	262
Walnuts	Lb.	11,395	11,684	1,136	1,155
<u>Grains, flour and meal:</u>					
Barley, excluding flour(48 lb.)	Bu.	7,500	3,947	4,036	2,916
Buckwheat,excluding flour(48 lb.)	Bu.	a/	1	a/	1
Corn,including cornmeal(56 lb.)	Bu.	384	421	466	506
Malt (34 lb.).....	Bu.	16	41	22	65
Oats,including oatmeal(32 lb.)	Bu.	759	598	843	988
Rice, including flour, meal and broken rice b/	Lb.	82,562	34,941	2,546	1,126
Rye, excluding flour (56 lb.)	Bu.	6	1	6	2
Wheat, grain (60 lb.)	Bu.	206	1,804	199	1,783
Wheat flour-					
Wholly of U.S. wheat	Bbl.	547	798	2,546	3,838
Other wheat flour	Bbl.	1,572	1,801	7,398	9,396
Total wheat flour.....	Bbl.	2,119	2,599	9,944	13,234
Wheat, including flour	Bu.	10,165	14,019	10,143	15,017

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UNITED STATES: Exports of principal agricultural products,
July-February, 1935-36 and 1936-37, cont'd

Commodity exported	Unit	July-February			
		Quantity		Value	
		1935-36	1936-37	1935-36	1936-37
VEGETABLE PRODUCTS, CONTINUED:				1,000	1,000
<u>Oilseed products:</u>		Thousands	Thousands	dollars	dollars
Cottonseed cake and meal	L. ton	8	4	221	119
Linseed cake and meal	L. ton	147	129	3,351	3,890
Cottonseed oil, crude	Lb.	300	108	22	13
Cottonseed oil, refined	Lb.	2,149	1,411	254	174
Sugar (2,000 lbs.)	Ton	76	49	3,513	2,047
<u>Tobacco leaf:</u>					
Bright flue-cured	Lb.	269,981	252,957	110,344	101,562
Burley	Lb.	5,636	6,639	1,146	1,425
Dark-fired Ky. & Tennessee ...	Lb.	30,785	17,662	3,872	2,458
Dark Virginia	Lb.	7,086	6,301	1,763	1,543
Maryland and Ohio export	Lb.	3,670	3,089	812	661
Green River (Pryor)	Lb.	1,589	1,943	217	237
One-sucker leaf	Lb.	972	507	85	49
Cigar leaf	Lb.	497	343	284	203
Black fat, water baler and dark African	Lb.	6,921	6,705	1,165	1,196
Perique	Lb.	26	74	9	24
Total leaf tobacco	Lb.	327,163	296,220	119,697	109,358
Tobacco stems, trimmings, and scrap	Lb.	10,373	16,796	280	562
<u>Vegetables:</u>					
Beans, dried	Lb.	5,168	2,673	212	131
Peas, dried	Lb.	1,653	5,128	70	172
Onions	Lb.	26,407	31,901	518	494
Potatoes, white	Lb.	90,179	59,113	966	1,089
Vegetables, canned	Lb.	25,504	25,554	2,570	2,531
<u>Misc. vegetable products:</u>					
Drugs, herbs, roots, etc.	Lb.	3,390	3,459	835	1,502
Glucose	Lb.	22,793	16,353	599	506
Hops	Lb.	5,514	3,128	808	856
Starch, corn	Lb.	34,325	21,613	1,079	776
TOTAL PRINCIPAL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS				558,188	506,190
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TOTAL EXPORTS, ALL COMMODITIES..				1,615,031	1,729,822

Compiled from official records of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.

a/ Less than 500.

b/ Includes paddy in terms of cleaned.

UNITED STATES: Imports (for consumption) of principal agricultural products, July-February, 1935-36 and 1936-37

Commodity imported	Unit	July-February			
		Quantity		Value	
		1935-36	1936-37	1935-36	1936-37
<u>COMPETITIVE</u>				1,000	1,000
ANIMALS AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS:		Thousands	Thousands	dollars	dollars
<u>Animals, live:</u>					
Cattle-					
Dutiable (by weight)-					
Less than 700 lb. each.....	No.	151	133	2,425	1,844
700 pounds or more, each...	No.	39	79	1,676	3,669
Total cattle (dutiable)	No.	190	212	4,101	5,513
Free (for breeding).....	No.	7	8	594	688
Hogs (except for breeding).....	Lb.	4,989	14,885	444	1,233
Horses.....	No.	6	8	860	1,238
<u>Dairy products:</u>					
Butter.....	Lb.	4,226	10,499	768	2,223
Casein.....	Lb.	4,507	9,298	357	881
Cheese-					
Swiss.....	Lb.	3,803	6,244	1,037	1,711
Cheddar.....	Lb.	a/ 1,316	7,559	a/ 166	1,121
Other cheese.....	Lb.	b/ 26,942	31,412	b/ 6,278	6,480
Total cheese.....	Lb.	32,061	45,215	7,481	9,312
Cream.....	Gal.	1	48	1	71
Milk-					
Condensed and evaporated.....	Lb.	442	1,643	18	75
Dried and malted.....	Lb.	3,703	12,007	214	644
Whole, sk. and buttermilk....	Gal.	17	36	4	8
<u>Eggs and egg products:</u>					
Eggs, in the shell.....	Doz.	219	422	38	70
Egg albumen, dried.....	Lb.	1,377	1,883	612	731
Yolks, dried.....	Lb.	2,789	3,550	398	507
Other egg products.....	Lb.	814	1,417	144	232
Hides and skins.....		c/	c/	34,502	35,958
<u>Meats and meat products:</u>					
Beef and veal-					
Fresh.....	Lb.	4,814	2,379	321	207
Pickled or cured.....	Lb.	1,172	1,368	83	109
Canned, incl. corned.....	Lb.	52,629	42,065	4,379	3,934
Mutton and lamb, fresh.....	Lb.	35	119	4	17
Pork-					
Fresh.....	Lb.	4,060	10,717	579	1,441
Hams, shoulders and bacon....	Lb.	6,150	23,071	1,489	6,259
Pickled, salted and other....	Lb.	1,416	2,051	370	506
Poultry and game.....	Lb.	592	1,125	208	315
Other meats-					
Fresh.....	Lb.	587	278	70	54
Canned, prepared or pres. ...	Lb.	323	96	52	28
Total meats.....	Lb.	71,778	83,269	7,555	12,870
Sausage casings.....	Lb.	7,911	10,379	4,301	5,554
Tallow.....	Lb.	117,181	45,133	6,816	2,182
Wool, unmfed., ex. free in bond....	Lb.	58,163	107,666	12,001	30,329

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UNITED STATES: Imports (for consumption) of principal agricultural products,
July-February, 1935-36 and 1936-37, cont'd

Commodity imported	Unit	July-February			
		Quantity		Value	
		1935-36	1936-37	1935-36	1936-37
<u>COMPETITIVE, CONT'D</u>				1,000	1,000
VEGETABLE PRODUCTS:		Thousands:	Thousands:	dollars	dollars
Coffee imported into P.R.	Lb.	150	0	17	0
Cotton, unmd. (478 lb. bale)					
Raw, except linters	Bale	84	120	5,344	7,947
Linters	Bale	a/ 5	40	a/ 86	842
<u>Feeds and fodders:</u>					
Beet pulp, dried (2,240 lb.) ..	Ton	13	44	272	1,160
Bran, shorts, etc. (2,000 lb.)-					
Of direct import	Ton	151	222	2,574	5,097
Withdrawn bonded mills	Ton	64	91	977	2,019
Total bran, shorts, etc. ..	Ton	215	313	3,551	7,116
Hay (2,000 pound)	Ton	2	115	20	864
Oil cake and oil-cake meal-					
Bean (Soy)	Lb.	17,473	48,883	183	654
Coconut	Lb.	72,824	72,712	612	694
Cottonseed	Lb.	3,523	33,255	32	344
Linseed	Lb.	10,836	31,690	88	364
All other	Lb.	2,289	11,826	20	131
Total oil cake and meal ...	Lb.	106,945	198,366	935	2,187
<u>Fruits:</u>					
Berries, natural state	Lb.	3,763	6,003	238	400
Currants	Lb.	5,693	5,638	312	311
Dates	Lb.	49,220	49,022	1,718	1,794
Figs	Lb.	5,864	6,110	387	418
Grapes	Cu.ft.	24	32	44	60
Lemons	Lb.	2,294	863	46	27
Limes	Lb.	5,493	6,458	143	172
Pineapples-					
Fresh		c/	c/	81	201
Prepared or preserved	Lb.	3,925	8,690	189	411
Product of the P.I.	Lb.	3,186	10,535	157	456
Raisins	Lb.	788	540	79	44
Olives in brine	Gal.	3,481	3,959	1,845	2,599
<u>Grains and grain products:</u>					
Barley, grain (48 lb.)	Bu.	522	10,172	361	8,839
Barley, malt	Lb.	179,038	244,484	4,611	6,289
Corn, grain (56 lb.)	Bu.	28,074	39,872	11,899	21,086
Oats, grain (32 lb.)	Bu.	58	120	25	48
Rice-					
Uncleaned	Lb.	2,438	9,769	76	289
Cleaned or milled	Lb.	5,743	10,068	156	279
Patna	Lb.	2,191	1,148	87	39
Meal, flour and broken	Lb.	13,434	83,987	229	1,446
Rye, grain (56 lb.)	Bu.	2,111	3,885	993	2,549

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UNITED STATES: Imports (for consumption) of principal agricultural products,
July-February, 1935-36 and 1936-37, cont'd

Commodity imported	Unit	July-February			
		Quantity		Value	
		1935-36	1936-37	1935-36	1936-37
<u>COMPETITIVE, CONT'D</u>				1,000	1,000
<u>VEGETABLE PRODUCTS, CONT'D:</u>		<u>Thousands</u>	<u>Thousands</u>	<u>dollars</u>	<u>dollars</u>
<u>Grains and grain prod., cont'd:</u>					
Wheat, grain- (60 lb.)					
Dutiable at 42¢ per bu.	Bu.	17,918	25,788	15,351	25,975
Dutiable at 10% ad val. d/ .	Bu.	7,711	3,919	4,993	3,178
Milled in bond for export-					
To Cuba	Bu.	2,627	2,549	2,311	2,569
To other countries	Bu.	4,791	6,629	3,904	6,228
Total wheat grain	Bu.	33,047	33,885	26,559	37,950
Wheat flour	Bbl.	12	39	50	185
Wheat, including flour	Bu.	33,104	39,066	26,609	38,135
Nuts and preparations	c/	c/		12,030	13,492
<u>Oils, vegetable:</u>					
Coconut oil	Lb.	238,308	210,021	8,904	9,034
Corn oil	Lb.	18,549	19,467	1,189	1,388
Cottonseed oil	Lb.	89,864	79,495	5,253	4,501
Linseed oil	Lb.	700	238	30	12
Olive oil, edible	Lb.	44,657	37,904	5,573	5,014
Olive oil, inedible	Lb.	30,388	30,630	2,134	2,426
Palmkernel oil	Lb.	32,083	24,307	1,298	1,264
Palm oil	Lb.	232,768	226,656	7,938	7,472
Peanut oil	Lb.	30,134	11,767	1,407	688
Perilla oil	Lb.	50,215	37,073	3,022	2,387
Rapeseed oil	Gal.	7,273	3,208	2,831	1,515
Soybean oil	Lb.	6,417	3,208	299	158
Sunflower seed oil	Lb.	16,709	11,651	1,126	740
Tung oil	Lb.	99,699	75,788	13,059	10,147
<u>Oilseeds:</u>					
Castor beans	Lb.	107,733	99,597	2,341	2,318
Copra	Lb.	353,273	278,621	7,401	7,136
Flaxseed (56 lb.)	Bu.	10,865	13,408	10,138	16,998
Palm nuts and kernels	Lb.	10,878	37,029	207	792
Sesame seed	Lb.	81,693	15,498	2,072	527
Seeds, except oilseeds	c/	c/		3,024	6,319
<u>Sugar and molasses:</u>					
Sugar (2,000 pound)	Ton	1,896	1,437	88,917	78,849
Molasses	Gal.	115,286	183,700	6,275	9,707
<u>Tobacco, unmanufactured:</u>					
Leaf	Lb.	41,850	40,397	19,405	20,379
Product of the P.I.	Lb.	1,581	1,381	145	124
Stems, not cut	Lb.	1,267	1,660	45	50
<u>Vegetables:</u>					
<u>Beans-</u>					
Dried	Lb.	11,498	28,738	305	865
Green or unripe	Lb.	5,949	4,193	169	116

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UNITED STATES: Imports (for consumption) of principal agricultural products,
July-February, 1935-36 and 1936-37, cont'd

Commodity imported	Unit	July-February			
		Quantity		Value	
		1935-36	1936-37	1935-36	1936-37
<u>COMPETITIVE, CONT'D</u>				1,000	1,000
VEGETABLE PRODUCTS, CONT'D:		Thousands	Thousands	dollars	dollars
<u>Vegetables, cont'd:</u>					
Chickpeas or garbanzos, dried.	Lb.	6,980	8,214	235	328
Garlic	Lb.	2,941	1,968	176	86
Onions	Lb.	2,539	2,213	55	55
Peas, except cowp's & chickp's-					
Dried	Lb.	2,444	909	88	33
Green	Lb.	2,986	3,756	144	187
Potatoes, white	Lb.	10,484	42,192	141	793
Tapioca, crude, flour, and prep	Lb.	159,731	242,372	3,337	4,560
Tomatoes, fresh	Lb.	46,916	46,282	985	948
Turnips	Lb.	96,894	110,018	539	763
Vegetables, canned	Lb.	49,145	48,154	2,105	1,929
<u>Fibers, vegetable: (2,240 lb.ton)</u>					
Flax, unmanufactured	Ton	5	3	2,169	1,360
Hemp, unmanufactured	Ton	1	1	189	230
Jute and jute butts, unmf'd. ..	Ton	51	45	4,146	3,536
Total principal competitive agricultural products				362,565	435,493
<u>NON-COMPETITIVE</u>					
<u>ANIMAL PRODUCTS:</u>					
Silk, raw	Lb.	46,690	47,451	74,522	79,829
Wool, unmf'd., free in bond	Lb.	105,294	116,933	15,582	23,575
<u>VEGETABLE PRODUCTS:</u>					
Bananas	Bunch	33,707	38,342	17,062	18,618
Coffee, ex. into Puerto Rico ...	Lb.	1,271,383	1,172,044	90,677	95,008
Cocoa or cacao beans	Lb.	399,319	442,728	17,479	28,725
Tea	Lb.	58,360	61,852	10,984	12,490
Drugs, herbs, roots, etc.	Lb.	c/	c/	5,701	4,850
Spices	Lb.	69,711	115,051	6,839	9,268
<u>Fibers, vegetable: (2,240 lb.ton)</u>					
Kapok	Ton	8	12	1,709	2,998
Manila	Ton	31	21	3,098	3,037
Sisal and henequen	Ton	103	80	7,799	9,113
Rubber, crude, incl. guayule ...	Lb.	664,119	787,921	76,423	123,972
Total principal agricultural-					
Non-competitive products				327,875	411,483
Competitive products				362,565	435,493
TOTAL PRINCIPAL AGRI. PROD.				690,440	846,976
TOTAL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS				736,951	906,807
TOTAL IMPORTS, ALL COMMODITIES...				1,430,522	1,758,268

Compiled from official records of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.
a/ Two months (January -February, 1936). b/ Includes cheddar cheese prior to
January 1, 1936. c/ Reported in value only. d/ Unfit for human consumption.

UNITED STATES: Export quantity of specified agricultural products,
January-February, 1936 and 1937, and February, 1936 and 1937

Commodity	Unit	January-February		February	
		1936	1937	1936	1937
EXPORTS, DOMESTIC:		Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands
Bacon.....	Lb.	393	424	186	209
Hams and shoulders <u>a</u> /.....	Lb.	5,371	4,344	2,183	2,540
Lard.....	Lb.	17,631	13,260	7,514	4,456
Grains and preparations:					
Barley.....	Bu.	1,179	134	356	126
Corn.....	Bu.	48	28	32	12
Rice-					
Grain <u>b</u> /.....	Lb.	7,072	22,157	2,414	12,193
Flour, meal, etc.....	Lb.	1	7	<u>c</u> /	7
Wheat-					
Grain.....	Bu.	41	72	28	38
Flour wholly of United States wheat.....	Bbl.	118	220	80	119
Fruits:					
Fresh-					
Apples <u>d</u> /.....	Bu.	2,454	1,627	1,206	715
Pears.....	Lb.	11,059	9,286	3,890	3,142
Oranges.....	Box	457	452	213	200
Grapefruit.....	Box	131	164	74	82
Dried-					
Apples.....	Lb.	4,799	5,076	1,901	3,784
Apricots.....	Lb.	1,910	4,078	918	3,061
Prunes.....	Lb.	34,071	34,736	17,581	25,844
Raisins.....	Lb.	12,502	22,966	7,083	17,705
Canned pears.....	Lb.	12,199	16,469	6,847	16,029
Tobacco leaf:					
Bright flue-cured.....	Lb.	54,925	44,750	29,175	17,987
Dark-fired Kentucky and Tennessee.....	Lb.	11,414	3,754	1,963	1,538
Other leaf.....	Lb.	8,552	6,173	3,456	3,170
Total leaf tobacco.....	Lb.	74,891	54,677	34,594	22,695
Cotton, excl. linters (Running bales).....	Bale	949	1,025	406	486

Compiled from official records of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.

a/ Includes Cumberland and Wiltshire sides.

b/ Includes paddy in terms of cleaned.

c/ Less than 500.

d/ Includes baskets, boxes, and barrels in terms of bushels.

UNITED STATES: Import quantity of specified agricultural products,
January-February, 1936 and 1937, and February, 1936 and 1937

Commodity	Unit	January-February		February	
		1936	1937	1936	1937
<u>IMPORTS FOR CONSUMPTION:</u>		<u>Thousands</u>	<u>Thousands</u>	<u>Thousands</u>	<u>Thousands</u>
<u>Cattle, live:</u>					
Dutiable (by weight)-					
Less than 175 lbs. each...	No.	2	11	1	7
175 lbs. and less than 700 lbs. each.....	No.	24	35	15	18
700 lbs. or more, each-					
Cows for dairy purposes.	No.	a/	1	a/	a/
Other cattle.....	No.	23	46	12	18
Total cattle (dutiable)	No.	49	93	28	43
Breeding (free).....	No.	1	2	a/	1
Beef, canned, including corned	Lb.	14,860	4,684	7,218	3,511
Butter.....	Lb.	3,051	5,305	2,191	2,915
<u>Cheese:</u>					
Swiss-					
Emmenthaler, (eye formation)	Lb.	787	1,414	530	648
Gruyere.....	Lb.	b/ 91	381	91	193
Blue mold (original loaves).	Lb.	c/	718	c/	339
Cheddar (original loaves)...	Lb.	1,316	947	607	532
Edam and Gouda.....	Lb.	b/ 285	917	285	409
Provoloni and Provolette....	Lb.	589	767	399	320
Reggiano or Parmesan.....	Lb.	313	285	137	179
Romano or Pecorino.....	Lb.	1,479	2,650	772	1,355
Roquefort.....	Lb.	381	385	223	166
Other cheese.....	Lb.	1,792	1,255	750	556
Total cheese.....	Lb.	7,033	9,719	3,794	4,697
Egg products, excl. eggs in shell	Lb.	1,120	1,857	470	844
Tallow.....	Lb.	18,655	918	9,827	421
Wool d/.....	Lb.	25,560	53,320	12,715	27,148
<u>Grains:</u>					
Corn.....	Bu.	2,452	14,063	583	8,653
Oats.....	Bu.	6	17	6	7
Rye.....	Bu.	20	149	20	23
Wheat e/.....	Bu.	4,629	3,532	2,398	1,666
Barley malt.....	Lb.	30,744	64,812	15,554	30,136
<u>Oilseeds:</u>					
Copra.....	Lb.	75,616	101,732	49,023	83,931
Flaxseed.....	Bu.	2,300	4,866	1,414	3,727
<u>Oils, vegetable:</u>					
Coconut.....	Lb.	61,479	60,818	37,972	21,466
Palm.....	Lb.	71,876	53,695	35,413	31,103
Perilla.....	Lb.	17,619	340	9,662	340
Tung.....	Lb.	33,123	24,275	20,550	20,048
Sugar, raw (2,000 pounds).....	Ton	629	462	353	249
Molasses.....	Gal.	15,730	40,700	5,171	21,719

Compiled from official records of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.
a/ Less than 500. b/ One month. Not separately classified prior to Feb. 1, 1936.
c/ Not separately classified prior to June 15, 1936. d/ Excludes wool imported free in bond for use in carpets, etc. e/ Includes only wheat full duty paid and 10 percent ad valorem.

ARGENTINA: Harvested acreage and production of specified grains,
1931-32 to 1936-37

Item and crop year	Wheat	Rye	Barley	Oats	Corn
	1,000 <u>acres</u>	1,000 <u>acres</u>	1,000 <u>acres</u>	1,000 <u>acres</u>	1,000 <u>acres</u>
<u>ACREAGE</u>					
1931-32	16,028	960	1,011	2,041	9,518
1932-33	17,792	1,187	1,283	2,208	9,373
1933-34	18,042	718	1,379	1,651	10,161
1934-35	17,154	1,317	1,677	2,200	14,091
1935-36	11,688	573	1,253	1,366	12,689
1936-37	15,728	.988	1,409	2,039	11,935
	1,000 <u>bushels</u>	1,000 <u>bushels</u>	1,000 <u>bushels</u>	1,000 <u>bushels</u>	1,000 <u>bushels</u>
<u>PRODUCTION</u>					
1931-32	219,696	9,744	19,771	72,980	299,329
1932-33	240,889	12,598	32,150	69,583	267,761
1933-34	286,120	7,249	33,739	57,388	256,913
1934-35	240,699	15,645	35,859	62,052	451,943
1935-36	141,462	5,000	21,127	35,825	397,615
1936-37	247,834	7,480	29,854	54,564	371,633

Compiled from official sources.

TURKEY: Production of specified grains, 1931-1936

Harvest year	Wheat	Rye	Barley	Oats
	1,000 <u>bushels</u>	1,000 <u>bushels</u>	1,000 <u>bushels</u>	1,000 <u>bushels</u>
1931	104,946	15,698	76,184	8,113
1932	68,977	7,800	53,221	8,729
1933	98,149	10,403	73,417	14,289
1934	99,712	9,589	76,782	10,939
1935	92,640	8,508	62,994	15,983
1936	138,486	17,676	105,821	14,812

International Institute of Agriculture, Rome.

COTTON: Price per pound of representative raw cotton at Liverpool,
April 2, with comparisons

	1937							
	February				March			Apr.
	12	19	26	5	12	19	a/ 25	2
	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents
American -								
Middling.....	14.84	14.72	15.09	15.66	16.16	16.04	16.18	16.25
Low Middling.....	13.31	13.13	13.50	14.07	14.57	14.52	14.65	14.72
Egyptian (Fully good fair)								
Sakellaridis.....	20.08	20.33	20.80	21.90	22.75	25.25	25.81	26.02
Uppers.....	16.51	16.39	17.25	18.16	18.78	19.49	19.76	19.88
Brazilian (Fair) -								
Ceara.....	13.82	13.44	13.81	14.37	14.67	14.72	14.86	14.93
Sao Paulo.....	14.33	14.15	14.52	15.09	15.59	15.64	15.77	15.84
East Indian -								
Broach (Fully good).....	11.68	11.40	11.45	11.91	12.13	12.48	12.42	12.50
C. P. Oomra No. 1, Superfine	12.03	11.74	11.79	12.26	12.47	12.93	13.03	12.91
Sind (Fully good).....	10.40	10.40	10.55	11.02	11.27	11.67	---	---
Peruvian (Good)								
Tanguis.....	19.43	19.25	19.62	20.17	20.67	20.73	---	---

Converted at current exchange rate. a/ Thursday prices, due to holiday Friday.

BUTTER: Price per pound in New York, San Francisco, Copenhagen, and
London, April 8, 1937, with comparisons

Market and description	1936	1937	
	April 9	April 1	April 8
	Cents	Cents	Cents
New York, 92 score.....	33.0	35.0	32.0
San Francisco, 92 score.....	34.5	34.0	32.0
Copenhagen, official quotation	18.0	19.8	19.5
London:			
Danish.....	23.9	23.6	25.1
New Zealand.....	19.6	21.7	22.3
Dutch.....	19.2	21.3	21.3

Foreign prices converted at current rates of exchange.

BUTTER: New Zealand grading, 1936-37 season to March 26,
with comparisons

Date	1934-35	1935-36	1936-37
<u>Week ended</u>	<u>1,000 pounds</u>	<u>1,000 pounds</u>	<u>1,000 pounds</u>
August 1 to December 25.....	160,564	159,292	162,339
January 1.....	8,400	10,416	12,208
3.....	8,456	9,688	11,592
15.....	8,116	9,520	9,184
22.....	7,616	9,738	11,872
29.....	6,944	9,296	9,632
January total.....	39,532	48,658	54,488
February 5.....	6,272	9,134	10,136
12.....	5,656	8,798	9,520
19.....	5,999	8,848	8,960
26.....	6,216	8,064	8,624
February total.....	24,143	34,844	37,240
March 5.....	6,328	7,784	8,064
12.....	6,160	7,952	8,002
19.....	6,384	7,336	7,672
26.....	5,880	6,440	6,328
March total.....	24,752	29,512	30,066
Total August 1 to March 26...	248,991	272,306	284,133

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BUTTER: Australian grading, 1936-37 season to March 13,
with comparisons

Date	1934-35	1935-36	1936-37
<u>Week ended</u>	<u>1,000 pounds</u>	<u>1,000 pounds</u>	<u>1,000 pounds</u>
July 1 to December 26.....	136,815	116,539	80,630
January 2.....	9,414	8,575	4,852
9.....	10,055	7,943	6,962
16.....	9,068	6,433	6,238
23.....	9,177	6,816	6,303
30.....	8,221	7,258	6,359
January total.....	45,935	37,025	30,714
February 6.....	a/	7,101	5,761
13.....	a/	6,303	5,678
20.....	a/	6,196	5,032
27.....	a/	5,889	4,787
February total.....	a/	25,489	21,258
March 6.....	a/	4,601	5,398
13.....	a/	4,027	4,995
Total July 1 to March 13.....	b/ 182,750	187,681	142,995

Weekly Dairy Produce Notes, Imperial Economic Committee. a/ Not available.

b/ To January 30.

EXCHANGE RATES: Average weekly and monthly values in New York of specified currencies, April 3, 1937, with comparisons a/

Country	Monetary Unit	Month					Week-ended		
		1935	1936	1937			1937		
		Mar.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Mar. 20	Mar. 27	Apr. 3
		Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents
Argentina...	Paper peso.	31.80	33.13	32.72	32.63	32.57	32.57	32.57	32.61
Canada	Dollar.....	99.06	99.84	99.96	99.96	100.05	100.07	100.12	100.09
China.....	Shang. yuan	38.30	29.82	29.65	29.60	29.66	29.68	29.68	29.69
Denmark.....	Krone.....	21.32	22.19	21.91	21.85	21.81	21.81	21.81	21.84
England.....	Pound.....	477.62	497.07	490.75	489.39	488.51	488.56	488.47	489.18
France.....	Franc.....	6.62	6.63	4.67	4.66	4.59	4.59	4.59	4.60
Germany.....	Reichsmark.	40.37	40.44	40.23	40.23	40.22	40.22	40.22	40.22
Italy.....	Lira.....	8.34	7.98	5.26	5.26	5.26	5.26	5.26	5.26
Japan.....	Yen.....	27.98	28.94	28.54	28.53	28.49	28.50	28.49	28.50
Mexico.....	Peso.....	27.75	27.77	27.75	27.75	27.75	27.75	27.75	27.75
Netherlands.	Guilder....	67.95	68.35	54.75	54.69	54.70	54.67	54.72	54.75
Norway.....	Krone.....	24.03	24.97	24.66	24.59	24.54	24.55	24.54	24.58
Sweden.....	Krona.....	24.63	25.63	25.30	25.23	25.19	25.19	25.19	25.22
Switzerland.	Franc.....	32.53	32.82	22.94	22.83	22.79	22.78	22.78	22.79

Federal Reserve Board. a/ Noon buying rates for cable transfers.

LIVESTOCK AND MEAT: Price per 100 pounds in specified European markets, March 31, 1937, with comparisons a/

Market and item	Week ended		
	April 1, 1936	March 24, 1937	March 31, 1937
	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
Germany:			
Price of hogs, Berlin.....	17.70	16.79	16.79
Price of lard, tcs., Hamburg.....	13.15	14.17	14.04
United Kingdom: <u>b/</u>			
Prices at Liverpool first quality -			
American green bellies.....	Nominal	16.90	16.92
Danish Wiltshire sides.....	20.78	20.06	20.08
Canadian green sides.....	18.61	18.10	18.12
American short cut green hams.....	21.03	20.81	20.85
American refined lard.....	14.20	15.17	15.33

Liverpool quotations are on the basis of sale from importer to wholesaler.

a/ Converted at current rate of exchange. b/ Week ended Friday.

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